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1 — Southwest Towns Still Struggle With Toxic River Spill, Wall Street Journal, 4/7/2016

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/southwest-towns-still-struggle-with-toxic-river-spill-1460063465>

For about two weeks last August, Brian Dils and his family didn't touch the well water that flowed into their house near the Animas River here, after three million gallons of toxic sludge spilled into the waterway.

2 — EPA asked to order Texas to warn about arsenic, El Paso Times, 4/7/2016

<http://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/health/2016/04/07/epa-asked-order-texas-warn-arsenic/82722538/>

Environmental groups are calling on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to force Texas to more clearly warn of the hazards of arsenic in drinking water.

3 — EPA moves ahead at Gold King and 47 other inactive mines, Las Cruces Sun-News, 4/7/2016

<http://www.lcsun-news.com/story/news/2016/04/07/mesilla-gets-698k-grant-water-system-upgrades/82766636/>

Almost 10 years of efforts has finally paid off for Mesilla as the town has been awarded a \$698,115 grant to make improvements to its water system.

4 — Obama Readies Flurry of Regulations, Wall Street Journal, 4/7/2016

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/obama-readies-flurry-of-regulations-1460077858>

The Obama administration is racing to make final a flurry of regulations affecting broad swaths of the economy, further riling U.S. businesses in an election season that has already been tough on corporate interests.

5 — State loan for Vista Ridge construction not recommended, San Antonio Express-News, 4/7/2016

<http://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/State-loan-for-Vista-Ridge-construction-not-7235468.php>

Staff members at the Texas Water Development Board are recommending that the board not approve an \$885 million low-interest state loan to finance construction of the Vista Ridge pipeline.

6 — WIPP emergency center inaugurated, Albuquerque Journal, 4/8/16

<http://www.abqjournal.com/753396/news/wipp-emergency-center-inaugurated.html>

Officials inaugurated a new emergency operations center in Carlsbad on Thursday, the first project to be completed with money from a settlement paid by the Energy Department to resolve state permit violations at LANL and WIPP.

7 — Using coffee filters to conceal water pollution? Oil company fined \$4 million for environmental, safety violations, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 4/7/2016

http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2016/04/talos_energy_fined_pollution_s.html#incart_most_shared-environment

A federal judge has fined a Talos Energy subsidiary \$4 million and sentenced the company to three years probation for violating federal offshore safety and pollution laws. In one violation, contractors were suspected of using coffee filters and other methods to alter water samples and conceal oil and grease runoff from a platform located off the Louisiana coast.

8 — U.S., Canada pledge stronger cooperation, E&E News, 4/7/2016

<http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/2016/04/07/stories/1060035277>

U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna met in Canada's capital today to discuss the two countries' joint

climate initiatives at a town hall discussion.

9 — San Antonio ranks high among U.S. cities for use of solar power, Washington Post, 4/7/2016

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/un-over-130-countries-will-sign-climate-agreement-april-22/2016/04/07/21862b50-fcf8-11e5-813a-90ab563f0dde_story.html

San Antonio is a glowing example of a city embracing solar energy compared to most other places in the U.S., according to a new report from a national environmental group.

10 — UN: Over 130 countries will sign climate agreement April 22, Greenwire, 4/7/2016

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2016/04/06/stories/1060035186>

A record number of more than 130 countries will sign the landmark agreement to tackle climate change at a ceremony at U.N. headquarters on April 22, the United Nations said Thursday.

11 — EPA-funded billboards attacking farmers coming down, Capital Press, 4/8/2016

<http://www.capitalpress.com/Washington/20160407/epa-funded-billboards-attacking-farmers-coming-down>

A Washington state tribe took down an anti-agriculture billboard and said a second one will come down too, one day after the Environmental Protection Agency issued a statement saying the media campaign was an inappropriate use of EPA funds.

12 — Why Some Democrats Sat Out Clean Power Plan Court Fight, Bloomberg, 4/7/2016

<http://www.bna.com/why-democrats-sat-n57982069552/>

Dozens of Democrats, including 10 senators and 27 House members, did not sign onto an amicus brief supporting the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan in federal appeals court, according to an analysis from Bloomberg BNA.

13 — Fire breaks out at Baytown ExxonMobil plant, Houston Chronicle, 4/7/2016

<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Fire-breaks-out-at-Baytown-ExxonMobil-plant-7235165.php>

There will be an investigation into a fire at the ExxonMobil complex in Baytown, company officials said.

Flames broke out at about 4:40 p.m. Thursday, sending heavy clouds of smoke along Bayway Drive near West.

14 — A cheap innovation could help control the spread of the Zika virus, Business Insider, 4/7/2016

<http://www.businessinsider.com/afp-cheap-tire-innovation-could-boost-zika-control-2016-4>

Researchers said Thursday they have found a way to fashion a cheap mosquito trap out of old tires that can collect thousands of eggs that may carry the Zika virus.

15 — Study looks at Jefferson County's strengths and weaknesses, Port Arthur News, 4/7/2016

<http://www.panews.com/2016/04/07/study-looks-at-jefferson-countys-strengths-and-weaknesses/#>

The Southeast Texas Nonprofit Development Center has released its report, "It's Our Community: The State of Jefferson County." This report includes data on more than 200 indicators of community well being of Jefferson County and compares the data to the state as a whole.

16 — Gov. Edwards instructs administration to intervene in parish coastal suits against oil and gas companies, Baton Rouge Advocate, 4/7/2016

<http://theadvocate.com/news/15421638-172/gov-edwards-instructs-administration-to-intervene-in-parish-coastal-suits-against-oil-and-gas-compa>

Gov. John Bel Edwards is intervening in a slew of lawsuits filed by three parishes alleging that oil and gas companies have violated their permits and damaged coastal properties over a period of decades — a move that further establishes the state as a major player in the ongoing litigation.

